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C O N F I D N T I A L BEIRUT 3399

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PLO JO UR XF

SUBJECT: 'ARAFAT-VINOGRADOV TALKS IN BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 3351

1. ACCORDING TO SPECIAL MAR 18 REPORT IN LOCAL FRENCH-  
LANGUAGE DAILY, L'ORIENT-LE JOUR, RECENT TALKS BETWEEN  
'ARAFAT AND ROVING SOV AMBASSADOR VINOGRADOV (REFTEL)  
DWELT HEAVILY ON JORDANIAN GOVT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD  
GENVEVA CONFERENCE AND QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN REPRES-  
TATION. APPARENTLY ENERGIZED BY BOGUS REPORT RE  
VINOGRADOV'S VIEWS ON LATTER SUBJECT CARRIED IN AMMAN'S  
AR RAYY MAR 15 (AMMAN 1760) AND BY KING HUSSEIN'S  
REPORTED REITERATION TO VINOGRADOV THAT GOJ WOULD NOT  
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ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE UNLESS SOME FUTURE ARAB SUMMIT

MEETING REVERSED RABAT SUMMIT DECISIONS ACCORDING  
SOLE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVITY TO PLO, 'ARAFAT  
REPORTEDLY WENT TO GREAT LENGTH TO IMPRESS ON VINO-  
GRADOV THAT PLO VIOLENTLY OPPOSES ANY TAMPERING WITH  
OR BACKSLIDING FROM RABAT RESOLUTIONS. IN THIS SAME  
CONTEXT, L'ORIENT REPORTS THAT PLO LEADERSHIP CAN BE  
EXPECTED EMBARK ON YET ANOTHER INTENSIFIED POLITICAL/  
PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AIMED AT VILLIFYING GOJ AND PER-  
SUADING AS MANY ARAB GOVTS AS POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT  
"SANCTITY" OF RABAT RESOLUTIONS AND OPPOSE DEALINGS  
BETWEEN EGYPT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. WE ALSO NOTE THAT VINOGRADOV, IN DEPARTING BEIRUT FOR  
MOSCOW MAR 17, RESPONDED TO PRESS QUERIES RE SOV ATTITUDE  
TOWARD CURRENT KISSINGER MISSION BY SAYING: "LEAVE  
MR. KISSINGER TO GET ON WITH HIS WORK." ACCORDING TO  
NEWSMEN PRESENT, HIS LACONIC COMMENT WAS DELIVERED  
IN TONE WHICH CLEARLY WAS MEANT TO CONVEY MEANING  
ALONG LINE OF "GIVE HIM ENOUGH ROPE, ETC."

3. COMMENT: WE FIND L'ORIENT REPORT OF 'ARAFAT-VINOGRADOV  
MEETING HIGHLY PLAUSIBLE. ALTHOUGH PLO LEADERSHIP'S  
HABITUAL FEARS AND SUSPICION OF EVERYTHING CONNECTED  
WITH KING HUSSEIN ARE HARDLY NEW, WELL-PUBLICIZED REMARKS  
ATTRIBUTED TO JORDANIAN OFFICIALS AND VINOGRADOV IN  
AMMAN WERE ALMOST CERTAIN TO PROVOKE KNEE-JERK RESPONSE  
FROM 'ARAFAT AND CO. (AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED,  
THEIR FEARS AND SUSPICIONS HAVE ALSO LATELY BEEN COM-  
POUNDED BY APPREHENSIONS RE AN EGYPTIAN "SELL-OUT" IN  
SINAL.) TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS FROM AMMAN OF GOJ DECISION  
TO DELAY ELECTION OF NEW PARLIAMENT WILL PROBABLY SERVE  
TO HEIGHTEN THEIR APPREHENSIONS EVEN URTHER AND PROMPT  
THEM TO REGARD ASSAD'S PROPOSAL FOR JOINT PLO/SYRIAN  
COMMAND WITH INCREASING FAVOR.

4. WE NOTE THAT REPORTING RE VINOGRADOV'S "PRIVATE"  
VISIT TO LEBANON CONTAINS NO MENTION OF ANY CONTACTS  
WITH GOL OFFICIALS. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN  
THAT THIS PROTOCOL LAPSE, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH VINOGRADOV'S  
HIGHLY PUBLICIZED MEETING WITH 'ARAFAT, DID NOT SIT WELL  
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WITH PRES. FRANGIE. WE ALSO NOTE THAT NEITHER SOVS NOR  
PLO SPOKESMEN REFERRED TO 'ARAFAT'S ALLEGED INTENTION TO  
VISIT MOSCOW IN NEAR FUTURE, AN OMISSION WHICH TENDS  
CONFIRM INFO REPORTED DAASCUS 1019.  
GODLEY

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECRETARY'S PARTY.

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